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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM INTERVIEW IN PRESTIGIOUS AUSTRIAN
NEWSPAPER

1. UN SECGEN WALDHEIM, WHO I SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN
VIENNA APRIL 7 ON THEM "UN - EXPECTATION AND REALITY",
GAVE IN RECENT DAYS INTERVIEW TO "DIE PRESSE," AUSTRIA'S
MOST PRESTIGIOUS INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER. INTERVIEW
APPEARED MARCH 26 UNDER HEADLINE "DETENTE, CYPRUS AND
KURT WALDHEIM: UN SECRETARY GENERAL SHOWS UNUSUAL
TESTINESS."

IN INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH INTERVIEWER DESCRIBED WALDHEIM
AS "OVERWORKED AS HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN, BUT ALSO TESTY AND THAT
HE HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN. FAIRLY OPEN ATTACKS ARE DIRECTED
AGAINST ONE AND THE OTHER, EVEN ONE OF BEST-BEHAVED UN MEMBERS,
NAMELY AUSTRIA. BUT ALL THAT ON A HIGH LEVEL, THE LEVEL OF
WORLD POLITICS. WALDHEIM HAS BECOME MULTILATERAL IN THESE
THREE YEARS."

WALDHEIM'S MOST SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS FOLLOW
WITH DIRECT QUOTES AS PER GERMAN TEXT:

"IN MY OPINION, DANGER CONSISTS IN FIRST PLACE IN REGIONAL
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CONFLICTS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL, THUS FORCING GREAT POWERS

AGAINST THEIR WILL INTO CONFRONTATION POSITION, AND IN THE SECOND PLACE IN NORTH-SOUTH CONFLICT WHICH TWO YEARS AGO BECAME CLEARLY APPARENT. I MEAN THEREBY THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP A NEW RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL STATES AND THOSE OF THIRD WORLD."

CAN WORLD ECONOMIC CHARTER ADOPTED BY UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY END LAST YEAR NOT YET BE CONSIDERED BASIS FOR NEW RELATIONSHIP; WALDHEIM: "IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC NOT TO STATE IMMEDIATELY THAT A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT INDUSTRIAL STATES HAVE REJECTED CHARTER, NAMELY FOR REASON THAT NUMBER OF POINTS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO WEST..I THEREFORE BELIEVE THAT EFFORTS MUST BE CONTINUED - THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SEPTEMBER - IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TWO GROUPS. ONE THING IS CERTAIN: PROBLEM CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED THROUGH COOPERATION, NOT CONFRONTATION."

"DISCUSSION MOVES ON TO DISASTROUS EVENTS IN INDOCHINA AND COLLAPSE OF PEACE SYSTEM CREATED BY US SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER BY WALDHEIM: "ARE YOU SURPRISED?") AND LEADS TO QUESTION AS TO WHAT UNITED NATIONS CAN DO TO INTERCEDE IN HELPFUL MANNER. "YOU SEE, ARGUMENTATION THAT REAL PROBLEMS CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BILATERALLY CAN NO LONGER BE MAINTAINED. PERHAPS ONE DID NOT WANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT TWO YEARS AGO. WHOEVER DID HAVE CLOSER KNOWLEDGE OF THINGS SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED THAT SOLUTION AS THEN WORKED OUT HAS LED TO SITUATION IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES TODAY. UNTIL MY PARTICIPATION IN PARIS CONFERENCE, UNITED NATIONS HAD NOT BEEN BROUGHT INTO VIETNAM PROBLEM BECAUSE ONE DID NOT CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE AND ONE SAID 'WE SHALL SOLVE THAT ALONE'. WELL, IT HAS NOW BEEN RESOLVED ALONE, AND THE OUTCOME IS VERY OBVIOUS AND REQUIRES NO FURTHER COMMENT."

AND LATER ON IN DISCUSSION, SECRETARY GENERAL COMES BACK TO US SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AGAIN, WHO, IN HIS TURN, DID NOT REFRAIN FROM CRITICIZING WORLD ORGANIZATION THROUGH HIS UN AMBASSADOR SCALI. IN CONNECTION WITH CYPRUS CRISIS, WALDHEIM SAID: "WELL, THERE YOU SEE IT AGAIN - KISSINGER WAS IN ANKARA, KISSINGER WAS IN BRUSSELS, AND WHAT WAS RESULT? SITUATION HAS NOT CHANGED AND IT IS AGAIN UN SECRETARY GENERAL WHO HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO MAKE ALL EFFORTS TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED
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AND TO HAVE THEM CONDUCTED UNDER HIS DIRECTION." BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY MUST SUPPLEMENT EACH OTHER, THAT IS PHENOMENON OF OUR TIMES. "ONE SIMPLY CANNOT SAY THAT ONE CAN RESOLVE EVERYTHING TODAY WITH SAME METHODS AS METTERNICH HAD DONE."

WORLD HAS CHANGED, THAT IS MESSAGE SECRETARY GENERAL WOULD LIKE 138 MEMBER STATES OF UNITED NATIONS TO UNDERSTAND. TO

EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT NON-ALIGNED, AND THEN THE EVEN MORE NUMEROUS DEVELOPING STATES HAVE NOW BECOME A FACTOR WITH WHICH INDUSTRIAL STATES MUST RECKON AND WITH WHOM THEY MUST-PET PHRASE-COOPERATE. THIS WAS ALSO NOT SEEN IN CORRECT LIGHT IN AUSTRIA. "IF ONE SAYS, WHY SHOULD VOEST NOT BUILD FACTORY IN SOUTH AFRICA, IT INDICATES THAT ONE HAS NOT QUITE THOUGHT THINGS THROUGH. TAKE FOR EXAMPLE TRADE FIGURES; ALTHOUGH THIS IS NOT MY TASK, AS FAR AS I COULD ESTABLISH, TRADE BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND REST OF BLACK AFRICA IS TWICE VOLUME OF THAT WITH SOUTH AFRICA. CERTAINLY ONE CAN SAY THAT STEEL PLANT IS ADVANTAGEIOUS TO AUSTRIAN ECONOMY. BUT ON BASIS OF RHODESIAN DEBATE, COUNTRIES HERE (AFRICA) HAVE BECOME VERY ALERT AND NOW THEY ALSO OBSERVE WHAT AUSTRIA IS DOING IN SOUTH AFRICA. AND THERE ARE INNUMERABLE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDING ABSTAINING FROM ALL ACTIONS WHICH PROMOTE TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA, BUT PARTICULARLY THOSE OF JOINT VENTURE NATURE WHICH COULD SERVE ARMAMENT PURPOSES. ALL I WANT TO SAY IS THAT THINGS MUST BE STUDIED VERY CAREFULLY, BECAUSE NOT ONLY VERY CAREFULLY, BECAUSE NOT ONLY PSYCHOLOGICAL QUESTIONS ARE INVOLVED BUT ALSO QUESTION WHETHER TRADE WITH THOSE COUNTRIES IS INFLUENCED NEGATIVELY."TRINKA

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